

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, preeclampsia, including HELLP syndrome and eclampsia, is a dangerous condition of pregnancy that can, in its severest form, lead to maternal and/or infant mortality or premature birth and can cause significant health risks for the mother and baby; and

WHEREAS, preeclampsia is a rapidly progressive condition that occurs during pregnancy; it is characterized by elevated blood pressure, protein in the urine and affects both the mother and the fetus; and

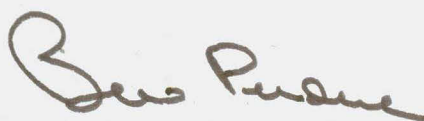
WHEREAS, every six minutes in the United States a pregnant woman and her baby face life threatening consequences due to preeclampsia, and more than 350,000 cases are diagnosed every year, with 25% of these cases classified as severe; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of preeclampsia include spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of feet, face, and hands, severe upper abdominal pain, and blurred vision; and

WHEREAS, public education and awareness about the symptoms of preeclampsia can help pregnant women recognize the condition and seek medical care to minimize maternal and infant illness and prevent deaths; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the Preeclampsia Foundation and other interested agencies and organizations in promoting research, public awareness, and education about the danger of preeclampsia during pregnancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2012, as "**PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.